

## Project GOLD

Generating Opportunities for Learning Disabilities

This joint initiative with ALDER provides a full range of employment supports to persons with learning disabilities through one-to-one counselling and workshop participation. From initial assessment through to job maintenance, individuals are assisted to develop an action plan, search for employment and secure appropriate workplace accommodations.

For more information, please call 416.693.2922 or email [gold@jvstoronto.org](mailto:gold@jvstoronto.org)

## Creative Works Studio

Delivered in partnership with the Inner City Health Program of St. Michael's Hospital, The Studio uses community art outreach as a healing modality for adults living with chronic mental health issues.

Registered members participate in scheduled art activities facilitated by an occupational therapist. Staff arrange for art shows where participants can sell their paintings and other art products as well as gain curatorial experience. Other art related opportunities are also organized for studio members.

Members are also encouraged to meet with a JVS Toronto vocational counsellor to explore employment goals, work experiences and mentorship opportunities in a variety of settings.

**"I need a place to go...where I can create things and be proud of my work, an opportunity to contribute to the community."**

For more information, please call 416.465.5711 or email [creativeworks@jvstoronto.org](mailto:creativeworks@jvstoronto.org)



## By the numbers – in 2005–2006...

**950 persons with disabilities were served through Disability Services.**

### Of these:

**75%** experienced at least one meaningful work placement in the community.

**85%** reported improved levels of self-esteem and confidence.

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*Donations raised through our fundraising events and our Friends campaign are used to support our programs and make them accessible to all regardless of the ability to pay.*



## Program Locations

Below is a listing of our main program locations. Services are also offered at other JVS Toronto locations and at satellite offices located within community partner agencies. For a current listing of JVS Toronto offices and satellite offices, please visit [www.jvstoronto.org](http://www.jvstoronto.org)

### Disability Services – Employment Support JVS Toronto Head Office

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### The Al Green Resource Centre

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## Disability Services Employment Support



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## About JVS Toronto

JVS Toronto is a non-profit community organization that partners with government and business to assist people from all walks of life to achieve their educational and employment potential.

We have a 60-year proven track record of helping persons with disabilities to find meaningful employment.

## Employment Support For Persons With Disabilities

### WHO WE SERVE

We serve the broad disability community – persons *living with mental health, learning, developmental or physical disabilities*- by helping them to overcome employment barriers and reach their full potential. Our programs, offered at multiple locations throughout the GTA, cater to a broad spectrum of “abilities” and to individuals at various stages of job readiness.



### Employability Determination

Through individual counselling sessions, we develop an employment plan that clearly outlines the steps to be taken to determine and achieve employment. We then link clients with the appropriate supports and services to help them find work.

We may offer work samples to help clients determine their employment potential, identify their skills and set realistic short-term vocational goals.

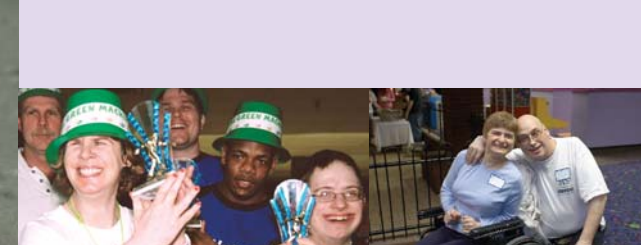
### Gaining Real Work Experience

We know how important it is to fit into the workplace. Many of our clients have limited work experience. Clients can test out their suitability for a job or work environment by participating in a short-term unpaid job trial.

Acquiring practical work experience is an invaluable way of improving skills and demonstrating one's potential. Our employment consultants work closely with employers to negotiate work experiences on behalf of interested clients – sometimes these lead to paid positions. Job coaches are on-site to support and assist clients with work.

### Job Search Assistance & Finding Work

Our employment service is the number one resource for connecting persons with disabilities to part-time and full-time work based on their existing skills and qualifications. Job developers work in partnership with



Strategic Employment Solutions, an interagency community initiative. We also help clients to identify and obtain workplace accommodations if required.

### Job Retention – Staying Employed

Clients receive supports to help them keep their job. Regular visits or telephone contact will be made to answer questions or concerns and provide strategies to help resolve issues that may otherwise jeopardize employment. Job coaching may also be provided to clients, during the first few months of work with a new employer. Our job developers also work with employers and their needs to facilitate career advancement for clients who have the opportunity to move to other positions.

For more information about these services, please call 416.787.1151 ext. 247 or email [disabilities@jvstoronto.org](mailto:disabilities@jvstoronto.org)

## Program Fees

Thanks to the generous support of our funders, clients can access most of our programs at no direct cost. Others are offered on a sliding fee scale to ensure affordability.

For current program information, visit [www.jvstoronto.org](http://www.jvstoronto.org)

## The Al Green Resource Centre

Established in 2003, this fully accessible facility specializes in employment, training and meaningful work activities for persons with developmental disabilities.

The ultimate goal is to improve the quality of life for clients by helping them become active contributing members of the community – be it on a volunteer or employment basis.

We offer a range of programs for clients to choose from to further develop their work, social and life skills:

- Pre-employment and life skills training
- Meaningful volunteer placements
- Recreation and leisure activities
- On-site supported employment: specializing in light assembly and packaging
- Competitively paid employment in the community

In partnership with *Reconnect Mental Health Services*, we also provide individual case management services to dually diagnosed youth – those with a developmental disability and mental health disorder – between the ages of 18 and 30.

To learn more about services offered at Al Green, please call 416.782.3976 ext. 208 or email [algreen@jvstoronto.org](mailto:algreen@jvstoronto.org).